Ladies' Aid Society

of

Dana Congregational Church and Community.

Book of Secretary. 1924; 1925.

Jan. 10. 1924.

The Ladies' Aid Society held its annual business meeting on Thursday Jan. 10th at the home of Mrs. Brown. There were nine members present, officers elected for the year were viz. Pres. Mrs. Brown, Vice. Pres. Mrs. Lindsey. Sec. Miss Dorothy Bristol. Treas. Miss Nellie Shattuck. The Society voted to take from the treasury the amount of six dollars ($6.00) for flowers for Mrs. Shattuck and Mrs. Bates.

Jan. 31. 1924.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Raymond Wildes. There were Twelve members present. Mrs C. Lindsey was made Chairman of the work Committee and to chose her own workers.

Feb. 7. 1924

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. H. M. Brown Eleven members present. Decided to give dinner

and entertainment on the 21st.

Feb. 14, 1924

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Brown

Above is copy of the reports of Miss D. Bristol, Sec. for 1924.

F. V. Doane Sec 1925

April 17, 1924

Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Brown. Ten members present.

May 15, 1924.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Fred Fisk. Sixteen members present. Decided to give a bean and salad supper May 30th. Miss Mc Arthur and Mrs. Bert Smith made chairmen of supper comm. Voted to draw $34 from bank; also to pay $9 toward repairing piano. $25 to be paid to the Church Treasurer - one half of the sum contributed annually by the Ladies Aid Society for Church maintenance.

May 30-1924-

Supper in Vestry + entertainment by children.

~~July~~ 3-1924-

Thimble Party at the home of Mrs. Charles Lindsey. Fine present.

July 17-1924-

Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs Frances V. Krane. Eleven present.

July 31-1924-

Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Lewis R. Wells. Twenty present. Decided to give a Lawn Party and supper on Aug. 13. Mrs. Bristol elected Sec. in place of her daughter - who is out of town.

August 13-24.

Fair - and supper

Aug. 28-24-

Ladies Aid met at the camp of Mrs. Frank Grover on Lake Nessenosit, North Hanover.

September 25-24-

The Ladies Aid Society met with Miss Frances V. Ebrane. In the absence of the President Vice President, Mrs. Lindsey, had charge of meeting.

1. Voted that Miss Shattuck be given authority to pay all bills as presented, after being passed upon by the Prudential Committee.

2. Voted that Carl Nelson be engaged to repair the furnace pipes and chimneys, & that the Treasurer be empowered to pay the bill when presented.

3. Voted to have Mr. Cogswell make all necessary repairs of painting & plastering in the Vestry & that Miss Miss Shattuck be authorized to pay bill for same.

4. Voted that the President be authorized to fill out a card to pay the Society subscription to the church.

October 9-24-

The Ladies Aid met in the Vestry

October 30-24-

The Ladies Aid held its meeting in the Vestry at three o'clock P.M. At five o'clock served a supper and in the evening the children gave an entertainment.

Nov. 6-24-

The Ladies Aid held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Brown. Voted that Mrs. Keane and Miss Chatfield ~~form~~ constitute a committee to see that the church be put in order preparatory to holding services.

Nov. 13-24-

Ladies Aid met ~~in~~ at Vestry.
Decided to give dinner.

December 4-24.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Charles Lindsey.

1. Voted that the dinner be postponed indefinately.

2. Voted that the Ladies supply cocoa and cookies for the children at christmas.

January 1-25

The Ladies held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Lonie R. Wells. Thirtin present.

Dorothy Bristol
Sec.

January 1, 25

The annual business meeting of the L. Aid met with Mrs. H. M. Brown. The President. Mrs. Brown presided.

After a short time, spent Socially Mrs Brown called the meeting to order for business. The reports of the meeting for the year were read.

Miss Dorothy Bristol Sec, read the reports of the sixteen meeting of the Thimble Party section of the Society. held during 1924 and on Jan 1. 1925. There had been held three suppers with entertainments and a Christmas party. Miss N. I. Shattuck Treasurer reported $30 paid on church repairs with $34 on hand, at date.

Before calling for election of officers for the coming year Mrs. Brown said she wished to ask two ladies present who were not members to become members. Mrs. Bert Smith and Mrs Edward Smith. These ladies consented and were made members Then Mrs. Brown said she would deem it a favor if the members would not ask her to be President the coming years. She gave several

reasons for her request.
Ballot for Officers were then taken.
Mrs. B. Smith and Miss Bristol
acting tellers. The elected officers are
President. Mrs. Fred. Fisk.
Vice Pres. Mrs. Chas. Lindsey
Treas. Miss N. I. Shattuck,
Sec. Miss F. V. Doane.
Mrs. H. M. Brown was made Chair-
woman of the Work Com. with power
to elect her own assistants.
Dr. Brown made a very telling Speech
of how much money the Society
had contributed to church
repairs besides the usual $50
for regular Church expenses.
It seemed a wonder to him
he said, how so few women
with so small a field could
do so much.

Miss Shattuck and Miss Doane both spoke of the help Dr. Brown in all matters concerning church and of his general efficiency where pastors usually depended upon others as not a part of the pastor's duty.
There were ten members and a few visitors at the meeting.
Adjourned until two weeks.
Collection $1.05

F. V. Doane Sec.

Feb. 19, 1925.

Meeting held with Mrs. Fisk, President at 2 p.m. Mr. Fisk kindly Came to Dinner Common for members. There were 19 present, 13 of whom were members of the Society. Collection

March 5. 1925. The society met with Mrs. Charles Lindsey at 2 p.m. There were six persons present. Collection 40¢. No business.

March 19. The society was appointed to meet with Mrs. Edward Smith of Richmond at 2 p.m. There were five persons at meeting. Collections 20 ¢. but it was held with Mrs. Bert Smith as Mrs. Edward Smith was unexpectedly called away from home.

April 2. The society was appointed to meet with Mrs. Fisk but Mrs. Brown gave an invitation which was accepted. There were 21 present.
Collection $2.00
The work committee began making patchwork for a bedquilt Lobdons.

April 16. The society met with Mrs. Fred Fisk. president. Dr. Brown carried over the only three from Dana Center. Mrs. Susan Stevens, who was president for several years when she lived here, and her daughter Eva now Mrs. Arthur Goodfield came over from their home in Libertville. Mrs. Goodfield had with her her baby girl. thirteen months old. In business. There were fifteen present, including the three men who attended the last and the two little girls who served ice cream for Mrs. Fisk. Mr. Fisk entertained with games. Collection $2.70

April 30. The thimble party of the Ladies' Aid So. met with Mrs. L. R. Wills this afternoon. Mrs. Fisk. Pres was present. but no special business was enacted. Mrs. Brown reported that Dr. Brown has received a present for the church repairs that covered bills which the L. A. So had expected to pay.

There were thirteen present. 85 ~~67~~ collection.

A letter from Mrs. Dwight Corley was read by the secretary. In the letter Mrs. Corley expressed enjoyment and appreciation of flowers sent her from the Society while she was ill in the Mary Lane Hospital in Waterbury. All officers except Treasurer were present.

May 14. The Society met as advertised with Mrs. F. Fisk Pres. all officers except Treasurer were present. There were at the meeting 15 besides Bessie Fisk making 16 and Mrs. Ennis two babies. It was suggested that a flower committee be appointed to arrange for flower decorations at church on Sundays. Also the suggestion was made to hold meetings in the vestry a little later in the season ~~with~~ from 11 a. m to 3. p. m, ladies carrying basket lunches. No votes taken on these suggestions. There was one visitor the mother of Mrs. Geo. Lindsey Mrs. Sarah Warner of Enfield. Collection 1.10.
Next meeting to be with Mrs Edward Smith. June 4.

June 4. Society met with Mrs Edward Smith, Michaung, 12 ladies present. Collection 80. The business presented was first, an invitation from Mrs. Arthur Goodfield of Gilbertville to holda meeting with her. Invitation for Thursday. Jmeth Second. Mrs. Fisk. said Mr. Fisk would give Strawberries for a Strawberry festival. Berries ready next week. Accordingly Friday, June 12. appointed for Strawberry Supper. and arrangements made.

June 11. The society met with Mrs Arthur Goodfield and Mrs. (Frank) Susan Stevens at Gilbertville, according to appointment Dr. H. M. Brown took five ladies in his car. Mr. Fred Fiske took six ladies and his daughter Bessie, making 13 from Dana. Mr. & Mrs. Goodfield and family 7 five. Mrs. Stevens and Rev. and Mrs Burdon of Gilbertville were present. As this was an invited party and not in course. no collection was taken.

June 12. A strawberry supper was held at the vestry. Cafataria system of service, a good attendance. Fredly number from Dana and the Goodfield from Gilbertville

Receipts

Expenses.

June 18. Society met at church vestry, business meeting. Mrs. Fisk Pres unavoidably absent. Mrs. Lindsey, Vice President in the chair. There were 7 present, Society members. Miss Shattuck, Treasurer reported, $6.26 on hand after the Supper. June 12. Received at the supper. $43.36 net. $33.36.

Voted to give the Parish Treasurer $25 on account of subscription for this year.

Vote of thanks extended to Mrs. Fisk for contribution of strawberries &c. for the supper.

Also voted thanks to Miss Shea for gift of beautiful glass punch bowl.

Mrs. Fisk was appointed as chairman of committee of

her choice, to buy necessary kitchen utensils for the vestry. Mrs. Fisk to make the selections. Treasurer furnish money.
A present was made Miss Shattuck of an unused key, for her useds librarian of the library of the Center. Two bottles vanilla sold. 40¢
Collection today 85¢
Meet next week at vestry
June 25

June 25: Very stormy no meeting.

July 2. There were 8 present. 65¢ taken
Mrs. Fisk President in chair,
It was voted to hold a meeting
every Thursday until further
notice. An all days meeting with basket
Luncheons, Next meeting July 9.
It was voted to hold an out-of-door
Fair early in August. Cafetaria
Supper in the vestry from 6 to 8 p. m.
appropriated $5 for kitchen utensels &c
July 9.
Meeting at vestry. 10.30 a. m. 18 present.
65¢ collections, Fair to be held Aug. 13
Voted to appropriate money
necessary for repairs in vestry
and purchase of materials
for making articles for fair &c
There was talk of plans when all
repairs and other necessities

paid for. To begin an effort to pay church expenses without aid from Mass. H. M. So.
Report of fund of $1000 for church from will of Mrs. Lucy Ann Doubleday

F. V. D. sec.

July 16. All day meeting of society in the vestry. Mrs. Fisk, Pres. not present and Mrs. L. Lindsey, Vice Pres. had charge. No definite business. A sewing circle. Adjourned at 3 p.m. 10 present. 63¢ Collection July 23. Twelve present. Collection 90¢.

July 23. All day meeting of the society, in church auditorium because carpenters at work in the vestry. Mr. Ralph O. Powers, Grandson of Mr. Orin Powers formerly of North Dana at 3 o'clock conducted a demonstration.

Mr. Powers is a son of Mr. Arthur Powers of Athol and a student in Harvard university, for one year. To assist his finances, in his vacation he is an agent for a fine quality of domestic household Aluminium Specialties. "Mas-Ever" from "The Aluminium Cooking Utensil Co." Mr. Powers humor was very interesting. He took a few orders.

July 30. All day sewing meeting at the vestry. Four present in the morning & present in the afternoon Collection 45¢. Neither Mrs. F. Fisk Pres. nor Mrs. C. Lindsey Vice Pres. present Mrs. Brown in charge, planning for fair Aug. 12. Committee chosen. and other details arranged.

Aug 6. A sewing meeting all day in the vestry. Arrangements for the fair completed. The Pres. Mrs. Sisk present.

No collections taken.

Aug 12. The fair was held as planned. Commencing about 3 p.m. There were two tables in the park, selling ice cream and candy in charge of

The articles for sale were arranged on the lawn in front of the church. Two lines contained bedquilts and aprons &c Several tables held other articles. Many embroidered pieces. People about town and from North Dana attended and bought generously. They went

to supper in the vestry. The supper was cafetaria style and much enjoyed. The treasurers report follows.

Amount Taken. #116.71

Settlement with Mrs Collon for ice cream etc. #10.53. Mrs. White for cleaning #1.50

Treasurers Report. Fair netted #94.52

Elec bulbs 1.54

Imp Orfp. 8.50

Tape paper 6.50

15.54

Sept. 10. Meeting held at Dr. Brown's to arrange for Luncheon date Sept 11 in connection with Mr. Cotton's Auction Report of that given below.
The business meeting conducted by Mrs. Fisk, Pres.
Mrs. Geo. Lindsay became a member of the Society.
There was a vote unanimously carried to change the annual meeting from Jan. to Aug. the exact day to be given at the period.
The vote was carried to make the amount given the Parish Society to be $75 instead of $50 a year, and as the date was changed for the annual meeting it was decided that $75 was to be the amount given the Dr. before next Aug. $25 since last Jan. having been given already.

There were 11 present. Collection 80¢.

Sept. 11. Dr. Brown put up a tent on the park in the morning about 9.30. Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Geo. Lindsey, Mrs. E. Smith Mrs. H. Smith. Mrs. H. M. Brown, Miss Margaret MacArthur, Miss N. Shattuck and Miss Doane were in attendance each part of the day. Pastes and Menu cards were displayed Menu as follows.

Sandwiches 10¢, a variety.
Doughnuts — 2 for 5¢ Treasurer
Coffee — — — 5 & 10 Cts, reported net
Hot Dogs & Rolls — — 10¢, $12.
Also Soda from the Grocery store.

(Supplies furnished by members and bought from store)

Very good attendance. Closed about 4 p.m.

Sept. 24. Regular meeting held with Mrs. L. R. Wells. No special business enacted. No work. General plans for future talked over. 9 present. Col. 65 cts. Pres. Mrs. Brown in charge. Vice Pres. at meeting Mrs. Wells served a delicious luncheon

Oct. 8. Regular meeting with Miss F. V. Doane The Pres. Mrs. Fisk ill. and Vice Pres. not present. Mrs. Brown in charge. No special business. 11 present. Col. 80 cts. Mrs. A. E. Doane served luncheon.

Oct. 15. Regular meeting held with Miss Nellie Shattuck. Pres. Mrs. Fisk and V. Pres. Mrs Lindsey both present. Business was the arrangements for harvest supper to be held Oct. 30. There were ~~16~~ 18 present including Mrs. F. Grover who brought the guests. Collection. 1.80

Harvest Supper

Nov. 5: Meeting with Mrs. H. M. Brown; Ten present. no sewing. Report of the Harvest Supper Oct 15. receipts. Received $48.88. Cleared $32.88. One dollar was contributed by Col. J. S. Johnson of Worcester, who sent it expressing regret that he was not able to attend the supper. It was voted to instruct the Treasurer Miss Shattuck to pay $25 to the Parish Society, on account, as $50 a year had been voted. Also the treasurer was instructed to send $20. more to the bank. making an account of 105.42. Collection. Plan to meet Thursday evening in the Vestry, first meeting Nov. 19.

Nov. 19. Meeting in the Vestry, gathering about 3 p.m. 8 present. Collection Basket Supper
Children came in the evening. Games and Singing. Miss MacArthur organist.
Nov. 19 is Miss F. V. Doane's birthday.
A contribution from members present bought a quantity of articles from the store and a Birthday Card from each one present. Gave as a birthday present to Miss Doane Very much appreciated. Miss Mary Budd gave Miss Doane a Magazine.

Names of Resident Members of the Ladies' Aid Society Oct. 1. 1925=

Pres. Mrs. Fred Fisk.
V. Pres. Mrs. Chas. Lindsey.
Treas. Miss Nellie Shattuck
Sec. Miss F. V. Doane.
Com. on Work. Chairman. Mrs. H. M. Brown
Asst. Mrs. Chas. Lindsey. Mrs E. Smith Mrs B Smith

Mrs. E. B. Bristol
Dorothea Bristol
Mary Eleanor Beall
Margaret N. MacArthur
Victoria C. Doane.

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